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SUBJECT: SECOND GROUP OF TORTURERS INDICTED

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1. A SECOND INDICTMENT HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH TORTURE ACTIVITIES DURING THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. THIS GROUP INCLUDES 32 FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GREEK MILITARY POLICE (ESA) OF WHICH 14 ARE OF OFFICER RANK AND 18 ENLISTED PERSONNEL. THE INDICTMENT WAS ISSUED BY A MILITARY TRIBUNAL AND THE TRIAL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MILITARY COURT MARTIAL. THE TRIAL DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR AUGUST 7.

2. THE ABOVE GROUP OF DEFENDANTS IS TO BE
DISTINGUISHED FROM AN EARLIER GROUP (REFTEL PARA 3)
WHICH INCLUDED 16 POLICE OFFICIALS AND 16 MILITARY
PERSONNEL. THIS LATTER GROUP WILL BE TRIED BY A
CIVILIAN CRIMINAL COURT ON CHARGES OF TORTURE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 1973 TO JULY 1974.
WHILE NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET FOR THE TRIAL OF THIS
GROUP, PRESS ACCOUNTS SUGGEST IT WILL BE HELD SOME
TIME DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.
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3. AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THERE ARE OTHER ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS RELATED TO ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE--SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL INDICT-MENTS MIGHT BE HANDED DOWN IN THE FUTURE. KUBISCH

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